

INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF ORANGE



FOLLOW-UP AUDIT OF DEPARTMENT CONTROL REVIEW HEALTH CARE AGENCY CASH RECEIPTS, ORIGINAL AUDIT No. 2435

AS OF MAY 31, 2005

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Follow-Up Audit of Department Control Review Health Care Agency Cash Receipts, Original Audit No. 2435

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TO:

Juliette A. Poulson, Director

Health Care Agency

FROM:

Peter Hughes, Ph.D., CPA, Director

/ Internal Audit Department

SUBJECT:

Follow-Up Audit of Department Control Review of Health Care Agency

Cash Receipts, Original Audit No. 2435, Issued November 17, 2004

We have completed a follow-up audit of internal controls over cash receipts for three Health Care Agency locations: Birth and Death Registration Unit, Budget Technical Unit, and the Westminster Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Clinic. Our audit was limited to reviewing, as of May 31, 2005, actions taken to implement the recommendations made in our original audit report dated November 17, 2004. The results of our follow-up audit are discussed in the **Internal Auditor's Report** following this transmittal letter.

As the Director of the Internal Audit Department, effective December 14, 2004, I now make a monthly audit status presentation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) where I detail any material and significant audit findings released in reports during the prior month, the implementation status of audit recommendations as disclosed by our follow-up audits, any pressing audit or resource issues; as well as, respond to inquiries from the BOS. Therefore, the results of this follow-up audit will be included in a future summary to the Board.

Other recipients of this report:

Members, Board of Supervisors

Members, Audit Oversight Committee

Thomas G. Mauk, County Executive Officer

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INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

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The original audit report contained eleven (11) recommendations. We are pleased to report that all eleven recommendations have been fully implemented within the timeframe expected by the Board of Supervisors. We commend the above HCA locations for their responsiveness and attentiveness in addressing the audit recommendations made in our original report.

We appreciate the cooperation and assistance extended to us by your staff during our followup audit.

Sincerely,

Peter Hughes, Ph.D., CPA

Director, Internal Audit

cc: Members, Board of Supervisors

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